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Officials to take an overdue look at congested highway

URBAN PLANNING

Two-year Deerfoot Trail study to find problem spots



Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Love it or hate it, every day citizens take more than 170,000 trips on Calgary's Deerfoot Trail.

In a partnership announced Tuesday, between the city and Alberta Transportation, studies conducted in 2017 and 2018 will give short-term and long-term solutions to our daily traffic headaches in Calgary — and it's long overdue.

"In early 2018 we will have a clear idea on how much we will spend to build these recommendations, which will give us a long-term solution," said Jeffrey Xu, senior transportation engineer.

"For now, we're setting up the long-term solution for 30 years away from now ... we'll be looking at 2048 as our horizon year for the study."

Deerfoot was built between 1971 and 1982 to serve 900,000 people in Calgary. And now, as the city's grown to more than 1.2 million, it's getting a little cramped.

Upgrades and improvements

planned for 1996 were never completed on the highway, so this study is a step towards improving the road, which according to Mac Logan, the city's transportation boss, isn't meeting demands.

"If you look at the historic planning studies, Deerfoot was planned to certain horizons," said Aziz Merali, with Transcan Engineering.

"The upgrades were never implemented, and therefore you see the congestion on Deerfoot Trail."

He said part of the study is being done to give the city a list of short-term solutions by the end of 2016 and beginning of 2017.

Stephen Power is the project manager with Parsons, the company hired for the study. He said from reports, and what they're hearing, there's frustrations with Deerfoot Trail.

"There's places where we have some design issues, and there's places where we know we don't have enough lanes, we have interchanges that don't work quite right," said Power. "It's a little bit of demand, it's a little bit of design, and it's the rest of the network not necessarily supporting it."



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Jeffrey Xu, senior transportation engineer

+ IMPROVEMENTS

Nothing's off the table

The project will look into several options to help improve traffic and those include:

- Parallel routes to take stress off the highway
- More lanes
- High occupancy toll lanes
- Changing how people travel throughout the day using technology
- Ramp metering using traffic lights

According to Power, in 2002, the city had peak hours that lasted an hour. Now, as the population and use has grown on Deerfoot, peak hours can range from three to four hours.

The study area will span 37.5 kilometres and include 20 interchanges, with 44 bordering communities. Public engagement for the first phase of the study starts in June. But commuters shouldn't expect work to start for years later, as the province and city still need to come up with the money to make improvements.



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LEGISLATURE

Wildrose
MLA back
in caucus

The Wildrose caucus has lifted its suspension on embattled Wildrose Derek Fildebrandt, just days after party leader Brian Jean suspended the finance critic over a social media comment.

In a prepared statement, Jean said there is a "clear commitment" from Fildebrandt, who has "fully accepted caucus' concerns and criteria."

In the statement, Fildebrandt apologized and agreed to better handle and control social media, including the hiring of a media manager.

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IN BRIEF

Alberta Health Services
hires new president, CEO

On Tuesday, the AHS Board named Dr. Verna Yiu as the organization's new president and CEO starting June 3.

Yiu, who has served as the interim president and CEO since January 11, was chosen for her leadership, skills and strong relationship building with the government, according to AHS board chair Linda Hughes. METRO

Man facing manslaughter
charge in Forest Lawn

Calgary police have charged a man in relation to the death of another man in Forest Lawn last weekend.

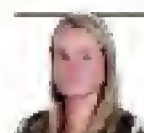
The man who died has been identified as Calgarian Noel Francis Delorme, 36, according to an autopsy completed on Monday.

Police have charged Justin Woodside, 39, of Calgary, with manslaughter.

He will appear in court May 31. METRO

Watchdog vague on
prosecuting officer

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Investigation
one of ASIRT's
longest: Union
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Lucie
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Alberta's Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) will only pass along a case file to the Crown prosecutors' office if the executive director believes an officer has committed an offence, according to a presentation given by ASIRT, Tuesday.

Susan Hughson, executive director for ASIRT, spoke with Metro about the passing of a case to the Crown following a presentation given to the Calgary Police Commission (CPC) about the police watchdog's role.

"We'll send it to the Crown where there are reasonable grounds to believe an offence has been committed," she said.

Grant Heffernan, brother of Anthony Heffernan who was shot and killed in 2014 by a Calgary police officer after failing to check out of his motel room on time, said he's been told by Hughson his brother's case file has been passed along to the



Anthony Heffernan, shot by a Calgary police officer in 2014. METRO FILE

Crown for their opinion.

He said he's frustrated with how long the investigation has taken.

Howard Burns, president of the Calgary Police Association (CPA) said the Heffernan case is one of the longest ASIRT investigations he's seen.

Burns said as far as the CPA is concerned, the officer took appropriate action in the Heffernan case.

"Our officer was put in a very

difficult situation and that he acted accordingly," he said. "ASIRT has now done an investigation and my understanding is that the results of that investigation are before the Crown prosecutors' office, and we'll see what recommendations the Crown makes and ultimately what decision ASIRT makes."

Hughson said although she must believe a crime has been committed in order to pass a file to the Crown, whether or not

the case is persuasive, or in the public's best interest is a different matter.

There are also allegations that the same officer involved in the Heffernan case was involved in the police shooting of David McQueen in January.

Hughson said each incident, even if it did involve the same officer, is investigated separately. From a legal standpoint, however, evidence of other acts can be relevant in some cases.

EDUCATION

School
bus fees
increase

The Calgary Board of Education said in the upcoming school year, they're facing a \$13 million budget gap between provincial funding and the cost of delivering transportation services to students — meaning parents will have to pony up more.

Board chair Joy Bowen-Eyre said transportation has become one of the biggest challenges for the CBE.

For the 2016-17 school year the CBE is proposing a fee increase from \$300 to \$335 per year for all yellow school bus riders, regardless of program or distance to school.

According to the CBE, the fee increase will generate almost \$1 million, and they estimate they will collect \$9 million in fees to cover the \$13 million gap in funding, closing the gap to approximately \$2.5 million.

However, Bowen-Eyre said in doing so, they're pulling dollars they would ideally like to use in the classroom. She said they've officially asked the provincial government to help develop a long-term funding plan and are eager for their response.

This past March, CBE began holding engagement sessions with parents, staff and students to help them develop a master strategy for student transportation. According to the CBE, more than 300 people attended in-person sessions and more than 3,300 online surveys were completed.

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\$1 million

The estimated amount that increased school bus fees will generate.

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Child accidentally run over by father has died

TRAUMA

Sloane Marie Viczko was hit by a reversing pickup truck



Brodie Thomas
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Police have confirmed that the little girl who was run over in her driveway on May 26 has died as a result of her injuries.

The seven-year-old was inadvertently hit by her father, who was backing out of the driveway in a pickup truck.

Police said she sustained serious head trauma in the incident. Speed and alcohol were not factors, according to police.

"Our beloved and most exquisite daughter Sloane Marie Viczko passed this morning in her mother's and father's arms to an army of angels wings," read a statement released by the family.



Inset: Sloane Marie Viczko, 7, died Tuesday in Alberta Children's Hospital. SUBMITTED
Residents in Tuscany put up Teal Ribbons — her favourite colour — around the community as a show of support. BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

"Sloane's wishes to become a donor are being triumphantly met by the truly amazing team here at the Alberta Children's Hospital. Please continue to pray for Sloane's soul, our family and her tireless team and community."

The family said they've been uplifted by the show of support

from the community.

The community of Tuscany has been rallying behind the family.

A GoFundMe page has raised \$86,000 so far. The page says the father is self-employed and has four other children.

Residents also started a ribbon campaign, tying teal ribbons to

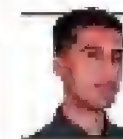
trees and signposts.

"As tragic as this situation is, it has brought out the best in our community," said Kelli Taylor, president of the Tuscany Community Association.

"Residents continue to offer their support and prayers. It's evident the loss is devastating to many."

EXHIBITION

Chronicling 50 years of Calgary's art scene



Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

In 1969, Calgary's population was 369,025 and artist Velma Foster was one of the first to focus her skills as a printmaker, at a time when printmaking was still a relatively minor art.

Now Calgary's population has ballooned past 1.2 million, and digital prints are the go-to medium for artists to share their physical works.

The local art scene has changed considerably since the '60s, and the Glenbow Museum has collected that history in a new book titled *Made in Calgary: An Exploration of Art from the 1960s to the 2000s*.

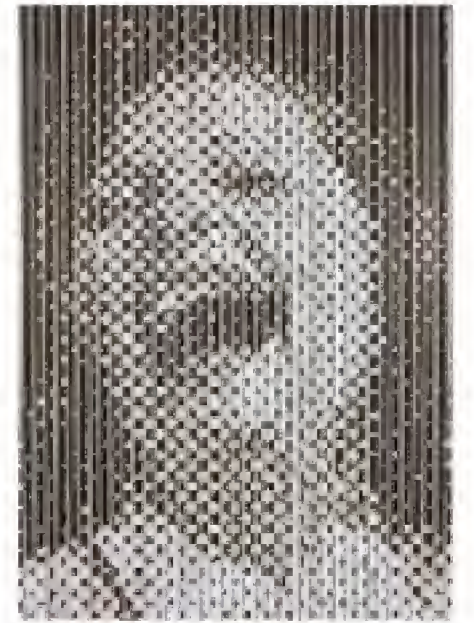
It follows the evolution of Calgary artists, from painting, ceramics and tapestries to photo, video, installations and digital media.

"Hopefully it will give Calgarians an appreciation of the talent, creativity and diversity of artists we have in our own community," said Melanie Kjoellen, VP of access, collections

and exhibitions.

The book is collected from eight exhibitions — featuring more than 500 artists — that the Glenbow held over two years. The book itself took more than a year-and-a-half to put together.

Made in Calgary will officially launch 7 p.m. June 1 with a free event at the museum.



Chris Cran's Laughing Orange Woman was painted in 1991, using a now you see it, now you don't technique. COURTESY TRÉPANIÉ BAER GALLERY

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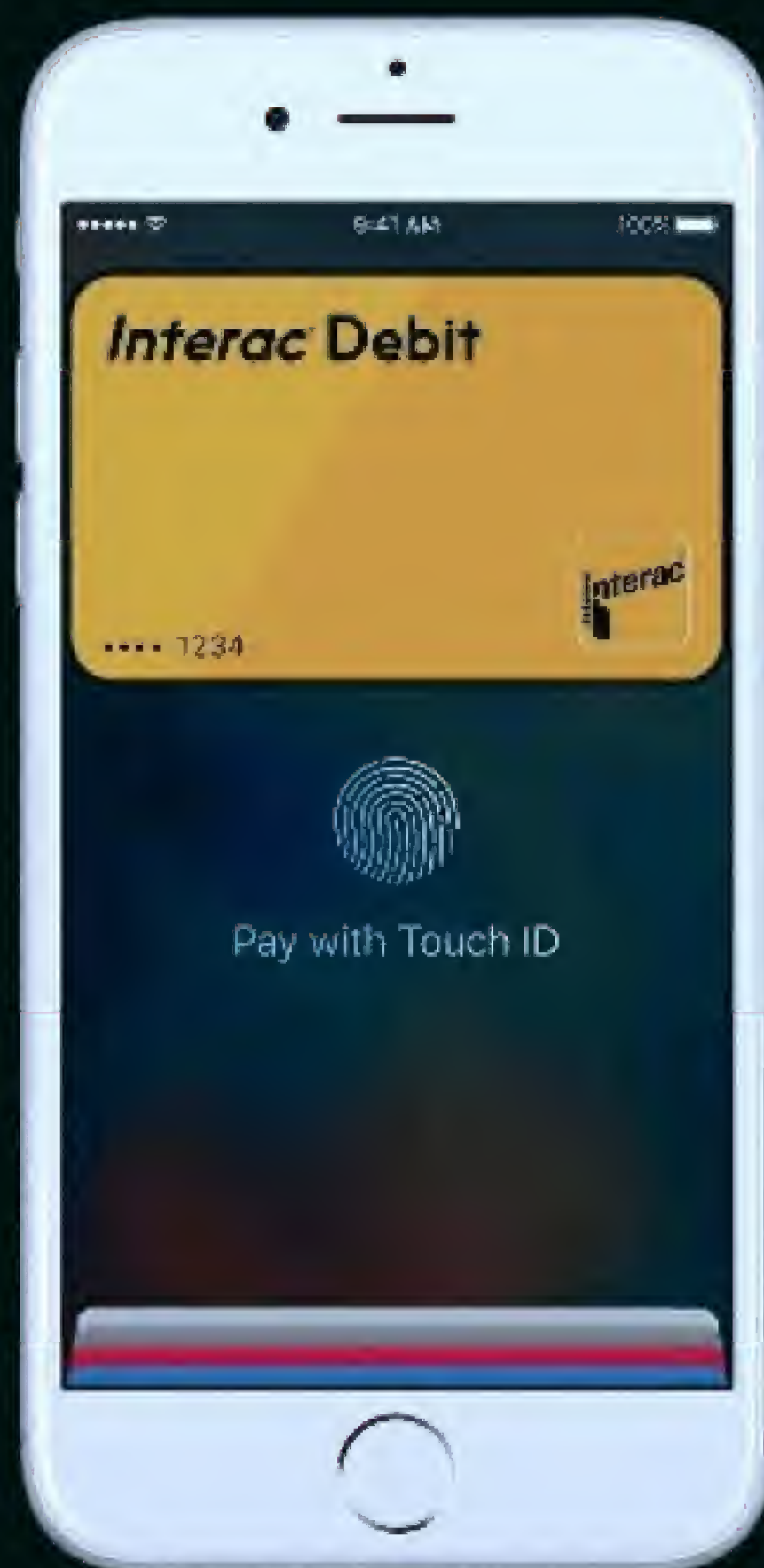
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5 NEIGHBOURHOOD NOISES AND NUISANCES



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Skateboarding noise is considered a noisy nuisance by

some, but after the City of Calgary hired an acoustical engineering firm to study ramp noise the findings are clear: They're not that loud.

On Wednesday, a city committee will be hearing admin-

istration's recommendations on the use of residential skateboard ramps. Decisions will be made on allowing homeowners to build ramps 1.5 metres tall by 5 metres wide by 6 metres long — as long as they are stra-

tegically placed in the yard and not used at night.

Public consultation found 74 per cent are comfortable with ramps in their neighbourhood as long as noise is restricted between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Only 12 per cent surveyed said they're concerned sport ramp noise would be "disruptive."

Here's a breakdown of skateboarding ramp noise compared to some other sounds in a residential neighbourhood:

1 Skateboarding

Beware of the sound of sport ramps, coming soon to a neighbourhood near you. They actually aren't that loud, or damaging to your hearing at all.

54-65
decibels



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2 Lawnmower

Don't we all love waking up at 7 a.m. on a Sunday to this noise? Yeah, didn't think so.

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3 Vacuum cleaner

Getting your clean on is pretty loud, and can sometimes shock animals and little children. But how else can we get rid of dust bunnies?

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4 Motorcycle

This might not be in your neighbourhood, but as they whiz by the motorcycle's sound can pack quite the punch.

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5 Normal conversation

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Talking is about as loud as skateboarding ramps get, so don't worry, kids probably won't interrupt your conversation with the clickity klack of their wheels.



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Laser Hair Removal can permanently destroy the hair follicles and their ability to grow hair where it is unwanted. Not all hair removal lasers work equally well. Medical-grade differs greatly from spa-grade and not all technology is suitable for every person. Having a basic understanding of how laser hair removal works and what to expect will save you money, time and possibly disappointment.

Hair removal treatments are done with either an IPL (Intense Pulsed Light machine) or various lasers, known as Alexandrites, ND Yags or Diodes. Each has its pros and cons,

its advantages, risks and limitations. If you have ever been to Skinpossible's website, or the clinic itself, you may be aware that Skinpossible has more technology than any other clinic in Calgary. Skinpossible has all of the above and all of our technology is tier-one within its class.

Since lasers and light used for hair removal are looking beneath the surface of the skin for pigment in the hair follicle, not all technologies are suitable for darker skintypes or tanned skin due to the pigment in the skin itself. Depending on the thickness of the hair, the colour of the hair, the depth of the follicles, and how much natural pigment is in your skin, we choose the device that will work best for you.

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Fotona Avalanche Frac3 ND Yag:

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OUTREACH

Clinic tends to pets of homeless, needy

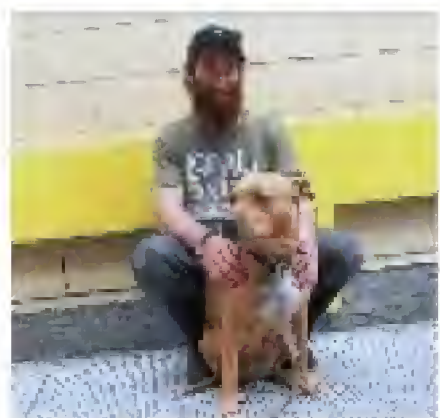


Brodie Thomas
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Four-legged friends in need found help at the Mustard Seed Tuesday.

The outreach centre held its first-ever veterinary clinic for pets of the homeless and those in financial distress.

Employees with Vets To Go — a veterinary clinic that offers house calls — volunteered their time in the loading bay of the Mustard Seed, helping 13 cats and 6 dogs.



Brad Pourier's dog Honey had a tooth extracted free of charge during a veterinary clinic at the Mustard Seed on Tuesday. BRODIE THOMAS/METRO

The program was a godsend for Brad Pourier and his eight-year-old mixed breed dog Honey.

He said the vets had a look at her damaged tooth, and agreed to remove it at no charge.

"Years ago when it happened, I went to the vet and had it evaluated," said Pourier. "They were quoting 800 to cap it, and the removal (...) it's a \$2,000 surgery."

Dr. Wendy McClelland, owner of Vets To Go, said the animals they checked out were in good condition.

"We've seen some ear mites, some minor health problems, but on a whole they're just in need of basic vaccines and deworming — just kind of maintenance they otherwise couldn't afford."

McClelland said they volunteered because they'd been looking for a way to help the community, given the economic downturn.

Karen Owen of the Mustard Seed said the project was a great success, and it's something they're talking about doing again.

SHOPPING

Saks Fifth Avenue coming early 2018

Saks Fifth Avenue says it will open its third Canadian store in Calgary in January 2018.

The luxury retailer says the 115,000-square-foot Calgary store will be located in the city's Chinook Centre.

Saks has so far opened two stores in Canada, both in Toronto, and has said it plans to open as many as seven across the country.

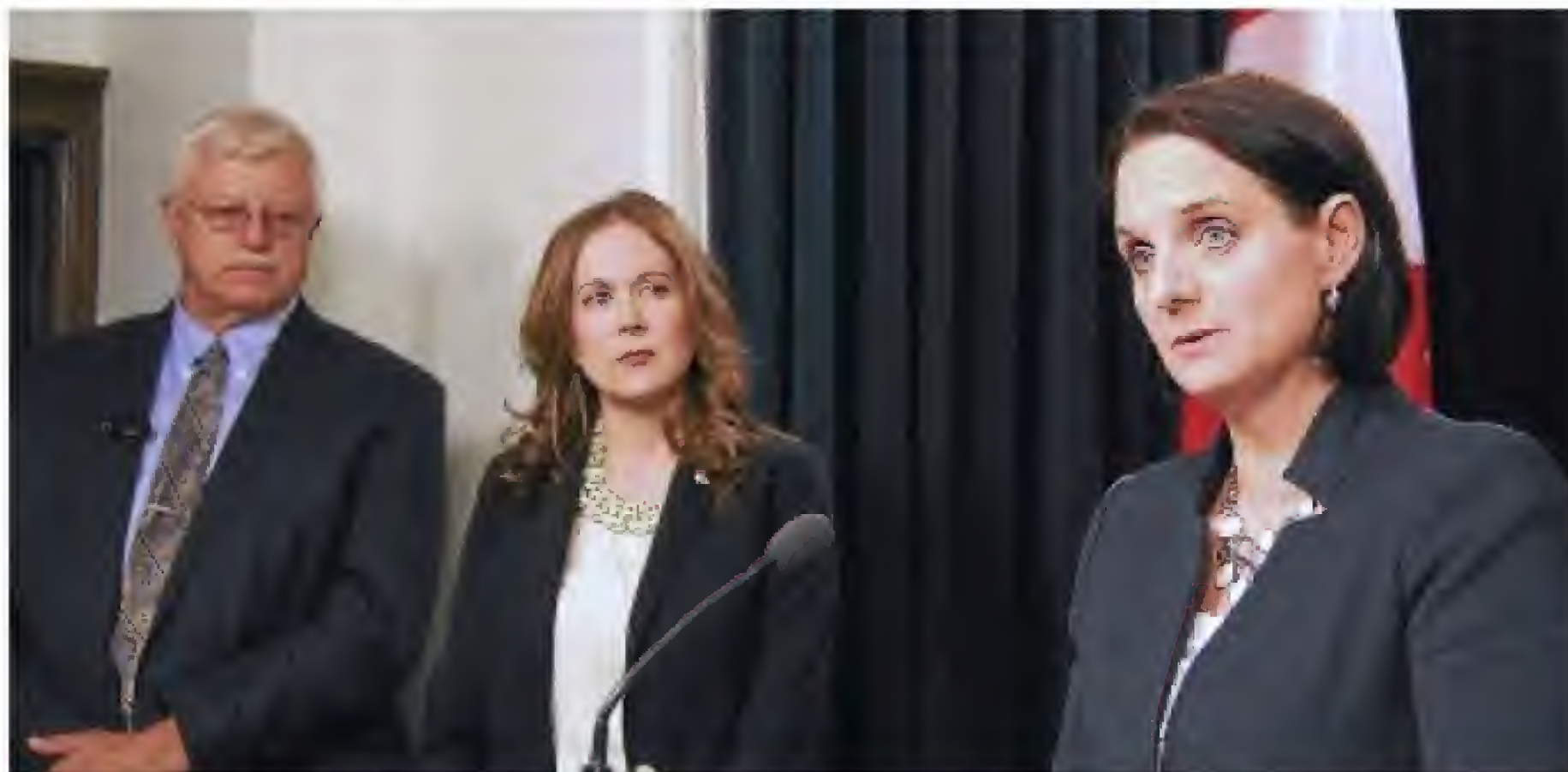
President Marc Metrick says

the company's Calgary opening is the logical next step in its Canadian expansion.

It comes even as the Alberta economy has struggled amid a protracted downturn in oil prices.

Saks opened its Toronto flagship location at the Eaton Centre in February, followed by its Sherway Gardens location several days later.

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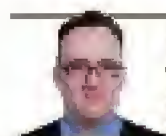


AAMDC president Al Kemmere, left, and AUMA president Lisa Holmes listen as Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee explains proposed changes to the Municipal Government Act in Edmonton on Tuesday. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Cities to get new powers to cover cost of sprawl

INFRASTRUCTURE

Developers to pay for fire halls, libraries, rec centres: Bill



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Alberta's cities and towns will have new powers to curb the cost of growth and boost affordable housing in a new municipal government act introduced on Tuesday.

The bill could also lead to higher cost for new homes, as developers pass on costs to purchasers.

Municipal Affairs Minister Danielle Larivee introduced the new bill that allows municipalities

to charge developers for new fire halls, recreation centres, libraries and police stations.

"Right now, growth is not being funded by growth — it's being funded by the whole municipality," said Larivee.

She said they want municipalities to be able to keep up with demand for growth.

"This approach will make sure that the fire halls, swimming pools and services people need are there when they move in," she said.

The new bill will also allow cities to mandate inclusionary zoning, which can force developers include a percentage of affordable housing in new developments.

"There are more than 30,000 Albertans on wait lists for government supported affordable housing units or programs,"

“Right now, growth is not being funded by growth — it’s being funded by the whole municipality.”

Danielle Larivee

said Larivee.

She said they know this approach can work to address the problem, because it has in so many other parts of the world.

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi likes the idea.

"Inclusionary zoning is one of the important tools contained in the MGA that will help municipalities to tackle complex issues such as affordable housing," he said in

a press release.

The bill will not pass in this session of the legislature. The government plans consultations over the summer with plans to revisit the bill in the fall and have it in place before the next municipal election in October 2017.

The impact on Calgary will not be as large as what will come when the new Big Cities Charters are announced. Council received an update on the charter behind closed doors last Monday at council.

Coun. Brian Pincott said he hadn't looked into the legislation in depth because the city has been working towards the charter.

"My focus has been on the charter — and I think Calgary's focus has been primarily on the charter," he said.

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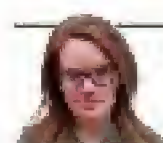
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Healing and heading home

Return to **FORT MAC**

Couple ready to see their home for first time in month



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Heather Thomas isn't sure how it will feel to see her still-standing house when she returns to Fort McMurray later this week.

"Things surprise you. Sometimes I'm fine ... but I have other days where I cry and I get angry," Thomas said.

"But it's OK, because that's part of the healing nature of going through a traumatic event."

Heather and her husband, Russell, said they feel lucky because their house in downtown was left unscathed. Still, going back comes with challenges. For one, it'll require the family to split up yet again.

The couple plans to be two of the first to return to the city as part of a phased re-entry for



Heather and Russell Thomas prepared for their drive back to Fort McMurray in Calgary on Tuesday.

AARON CHATHA/METRO

the more than 90,000 people who evacuated Fort McMurray in early May, which starts Wednesday.

But because of air quality concerns and the lack of supplies in the city, their two sons — one of whom has asthma —

will stay back in Edmonton.

Heather will also head back south after retrieving her car, leaving Russell to get the house

ready for the family's eventual return.

The family was first separated by the wildfire about one month ago: The morning of May 3 saw them on opposite sides of town — and as a result, forced to flee in opposite directions.

Russell, an artist, headed south that morning, to teach a painting workshop in Anzac. "The sky was blue, the day looked perfect," he said.

Meanwhile, Heather welcomed a client at her home office in downtown Fort McMurray.

Her first indication of trouble was when her client's cellphone rang. And rang again. And rang a third time.

"So she checked her phone — and she leapt off the table and ran out of the house," Heather said.

That's when she looked outside and saw the huge clouds of smoke billowing over a hill.

Heather picked up her youngest son from school. Luckily, her oldest had stayed home sick that day, or would have been on the other side of the city.

Meanwhile, about 25 minutes away, Russell's painting

students were getting ready to paint.

When he heard evacuations had begun, he raced north, but it was too late.

"I hit the firewall that was just to the left of the highway, like literally, one row of trees away from the highway. And the flames were hundreds of feet high," he said.

Left with no choice, Russell drove south, eventually ending up in Calgary.

Heather, her two sons and the family hedgehog escaped north, and spent two nights going from workcamp to workcamp before eventually getting a flight out.

Two days after evacuating, they stepped off a plane in Calgary and into Russell's waiting arms.

"We did this family of four plus hedgehog hug," she said. "But it was probably the best hug I've ever had."

This time will be different, Heather says, though she's looking forward to reuniting as a family back in Fort Mac.

"That's where my kids were born, that's where I live," she said. "It's home."

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'Together we will rebuild'

Return to FORT MAC

Clean streets, inspiring notes and flowers greet evacuees



Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Though Mark Duroucher says it's been a bit weird being the only one driving down Fort McMurray's empty streets, the city finally feels like home again.

As some Fort McMurray residents re-enter the city to assess their homes on Wednesday, Duroucher has been at the forefront of restoring the community.

He said workers have diligently left trails of optimism for residents coming home for the first time, since flames forced them to leave on May 4.

"It feels pretty much the same — driving around you can't tell there was ever a natural disaster here," said



These billboards is one of five that highlight inspiring messages for the people of Fort McMurray. COURTESY/MARK DUROUCHER

Duroucher, who's a utility worker in town. "But a few neighbourhoods are hard to look at.

"It's something else."

Fort McMurray has come a long way — about two weeks ago, the city looked like it was

"The smoke put a different tinge on the city."

Mark Duroucher

covered in a layer of dust, he explained.

"Everyone was wearing their masks. People weren't really sure and scared," Duroucher said. "The smoke put a different tinge on the city, where everything looked dark-

er and you never enjoyed going outside."

On top of ensuring essential services are available, crews have been cleaning streets, planting flowerbeds and installing inspiring billboards, reading, "Thank you for being resilient" and "Together we will rebuild."

"It's a lot better now," Duroucher said. "It's 18 degrees out, blue skies, it's sunny."

"I was just driving with my top off ... it's just beautiful."

The province has set out phased re-entry plan, where all residents should be able to return to the city by Saturday on a volunteer basis.

Duroucher said he's surprised to learn people could return so soon.

"I think that's because we have all of Canada and the world united behind us, combined with the efforts of everyone that's out here," he said.

"There are homes levelled right to the ground, but then so many that are completely untouched. You can only attribute that to the very hard work of the firefighters and emergency personnel."

RECONSTRUCTION

Renewal teams move in

While the doors to Fort McMurray open for everyone Wednesday, on Tuesday entry was by armband only, many of those reserved for the insurance adjusters, contractors and tradespeople who will help with much of the rebuilding.

As of Tuesday afternoon a line of several dozen people had formed at the checkpoint south of the city, waiting to get their armband before driving the last eight kilometres and getting to work.

Among them were Russ Williams and Robert Phillips, part of a group of Edmonton-based electricians helping with the process.

"It's something we're excited about, we're proud to be able to give something back," said Williams.

Phillips' sister and husband are residents of Fort McMurray who left in the evacuation, but whose house was still standing.

"It's kind of good to get a look from the ground level, and try to restore it the best we can for the Fort Macians who have left their homes." METRO

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Premier Rachel Notley speaks about her Fort McMurray wildfire experience during an interview in Edmonton on Monday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Premier plans to greet evacuees

ON THE GROUND

Notley says she recalls 'a mountain of smoke' on visit

Premier Rachel Notley plans to be in Fort McMurray on Wednesday to help residents turn the page on a devastating wildfire and says she will carry with her vivid memories of the early days of the disaster.

Scenes of families in trucks and cars reduced to a crawl as they tried to escape through curtains of flame below a sky raining embers.

The day she went to the region and the wildfire literally chased her around.

The tour of destroyed neighbourhoods reduced to grey expanses of soot.

It was the small things that jumped out.

"I hadn't realized ... you go to a place where there was a house and what do you see on

the ground? Nails. Piles and piles of nails," said Notley in an interview with The Canadian Press.

"Because that's what's left when everything burns to the ground. Just nails everywhere."

Notley recalled the first day, May 3, was focused on getting people out and nothing more.

She said she was amazed to see families in cars inch their way past flames and not break down into mad panic.

A day later, Notley flew to Fort McMurray to see what the province was up against and looked down on a city shrouded by "a mountain of smoke."

She landed at the operations centre at the airport just as the fire forced staff there to head south to the hamlet of Anzac.

Notley flew to Anzac under a blue sky, met and chatted with people, and suddenly everyone was on the run again.

"There was this great big wall of black (smoke) coming toward Anzac. That was the day where we had the biggest sense of the intensity, of the heat, and of the unpredictability of the fire."

It was a disaster without a playbook: A fire that changed from hour to hour, the province needing to scramble in fire crews, get people out and find homes and money for evacuees — all while protecting the city and the nearby oilsands so critical to Alberta's economy.

For more than two weeks straight, Notley's attention was solely on the fire as she received briefings and then spoke to reporters at the operations centre in Edmonton.

The plan, in short, was constant updates. All facts and no speculation. Those were the lessons learned in the fire that destroyed part of Slave Lake in 2011. Notley faced daily demands to update the number and location of homes lost and deliver a date to get evacuees back.

At night, she said, the fire came home with her.

"It'd be hard not to (think about it), but I would think about it in a different context. I would think about it as a parent. I would talk about it with my kids."

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SECURITY

Mounties sent to Fort Mac



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

As Fort McMurray residents begin to return to their homes this week, they'll do so under the watch of an increased police presence designed to keep everyone safe.

Approximately 150 members of the RCMP will be patrolling the streets of Fort McMurray Wednesday, including about 80 who have travelled from across the province.

That's in addition to the 30

officers overseeing Highway 63, as the estimated 15,000 people expected to return Tuesday jostle for space on the one major road into town.

"The basic challenge is making sure everyone gets home safely," Supt. Rob McCloy of the Wood Buffalo RCMP said addressing media Tuesday.

"We expect there will be extra traffic on the highways, we'll also have our RCMP helicopter in the air monitoring traffic."

The increased police presence should also deter criminal activity as people return to

their homes and belongings.

"As police officers we're trained to know when something's not right," he said, adding that anyone who sees someone in a house they shouldn't be should call the police's non-emergency number.

He said an estimated 300 houses have been found unlocked or otherwise insecure since the city was evacuated, but adds that this could also be the result of people leaving in a hurry.

He said owners of any properties left insecure will be contacted.



Fisheries Minister Hunter Tootoo THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minister resigns from cabinet post

POLITICS

Hunter Tootoo taking time 'to seek treatment for addiction'

Fisheries Minister Hunter Tootoo, citing "addiction issues," has resigned from the federal cabinet and is leaving the Liberal caucus.

Dominic LeBlanc, the government's House leader, will assume Tootoo's cabinet responsibilities.

A statement from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office says Tootoo is "taking time to seek treatment for addiction issues."

Tootoo, the first northerner to take on the role of fisheries minister, issued a brief statement saying he was stepping

down in order not to distract from the important work of his colleagues.

Tootoo said he has "decided to seek treatment for addiction issues" and asked for "privacy at this time."

Tootoo, 52, was first elected as the MLA for Iqaluit Centre in 1999, where he served for 14 years and was the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly until 2013. He also held a number of cabinet positions in the territorial government.

In November, a month after Tootoo defeated former Conservative cabinet minister Leona Aglukkaq to claim the federal riding of Nunavut, he said in an interview he hoped to transfer his political experience to a national scale.

"I think that it is going to be very beneficial to me as we move forward," he said.

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POLITICS

Assisted suicide bill passes House

The federal government's controversial bill on assisted dying sailed through the House of Commons on Tuesday, approved by a vote of 186-137.

"It's an historic day," Health Minister Jane Philpott said immediately following the vote, thanking MPs for passing a bill she said "will essentially transform end-of-life care options for Canadians."

Only four Liberal MPs — including Rob Oliphant, the chair of a special joint parlia-

mentary committee that had recommended a much more permissive approach to assisted dying — voted against Bill C-14, as did most Conservatives, all New Democrat and Bloc Quebecois MPs and Green Leader Elizabeth May.

But the bill now heads into choppy waters in the Senate, where the government has less control over the agenda and many independent-minded senators are pushing for amendments. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ENVIRONMENT

Toxic rocket to make a splash in Arctic

Environmentalists are angry that a Russian rocket stage potentially carrying highly toxic chemicals is expected to splash down this weekend in a biodiversity hotspot in the Canadian Arctic.

"The idea of dropping a missile full of toxic chemicals in the Arctic waters off Baffin Island is just as preposterous as drilling for oil there," Greenpeace Arctic campaigner Alex Speers-Roesch said Tuesday.

"Dumping these chemicals

from a ship would be a clear violation of international and Canadian law, and it is no more acceptable when it is dumped from the air."

An international aviation authority has issued a notice warning that debris from a Russian rocket launch is slated to fall Saturday into Baffin Bay. That's outside Canada's territorial waters but inside an economic zone the country partially controls.

The space debris is a stage from a rocket set off under

Russia's Rokot program, a for-profit service that launches commercial satellites, said Michael Byers, a professor of international law and an Arctic expert at UBC.

Byers said Russia is following the rules by informing aviation authorities of the launch and the splashdown. The stage is falling over a remote stretch of water between Greenland and the southern tip of Ellesmere Island.

He notes Rokot uses repur-

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CINCINNATI ZOO

Police investigate gorilla incident

Police said Tuesday they were investigating the circumstances surrounding a 4-year-old boy entering a gorilla's exhibit at the Cincinnati Zoo and the animal being shot to death to protect the child. A federal investigation is also planned.

A federal inspection less than two months ago found no problems with the zoo's Gorilla World exhibit, but earlier zoo inspections reported issues including the potential danger to the public from a March incident involving wandering polar bears.

Hamilton County Prosecutor Joe Deters' office said Cincinnati police are investigating what transpired with the death of the gorilla named Harambe on Saturday. Afterward, police will talk with prosecutors about

whether charges are warranted, the office said.

Police said over the weekend that no charges were planned, but spokeswoman Tiffany Hardy said Tuesday they are still gathering information.

Some critics have said the boy's parents should be charged with child endangering, while others want the zoo held responsible for the death of the 17-year-old gorilla. The boy was released from a hospital, and his family has said he's "doing just fine."

Tanya Espinosa, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said that it would be looking for any violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

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PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Trump blasts press on donation questions

Under pressure to account for money he claimed to raise for veterans, an irritated Donald Trump lambasted the news media Tuesday for pressing the issue and listed charities he said have now received millions of dollars from a fundraiser he held in January.

Phone calls to all 41 of the groups by The Associated Press brought more than two-dozen responses Tuesday. About half reported checks from Trump within the past week, typically dated May 24, the day The Washington Post published a story questioning whether he had distributed all of the money.

Trump, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, told reporters at a testy news conference in New York that the fundraiser, held at the same time as a Fox News GOP debate he was boycotting, raised \$5.6 million. He previously had declined



Donald Trump.
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to disclose which charities had received the funds, and his campaign has gone back and forth about how much was raised.

He repeatedly criticized the press for making the money an issue, saying reporters "should be ashamed of themselves" for asking where the money had gone.

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A man and his daughter wait during a distribution of meals aboard the rescue ship Aquarius, on May 25, a day after a massive rescue operation of migrants and refugees off the Libyan coast. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Migrant deaths on sea route growing

REFUGEE CRISIS

Estimated 880 dead this week a 'conservative' count: UN

The treacherous Mediterranean Sea crossing from Libya to Italy has claimed the lives of over 1,030 migrants in the last week, mostly as barely seaworthy smuggling boats foundered and sank despite calm seas and sunny skies, a migration agency said Tuesday, citing new accounts from survivors.

The staggering death toll

foreshadows more disasters ahead in the next few months as the region gears up for its traditional summer-fall spike in human trafficking as the weather improves and the seas grow warmer. Aid officials said it also suggests that Libyan smuggling gangs are using even riskier tactics than before to profit from the torrent of those desperate to reach the safety or economic promise of Europe.

The jaw-dropping tally is only from shipwrecks that are known to authorities, who readily admit they simply do not know how many people are being cheated by smugglers, jammed into obviously

“
There were many women and children.”
Filmon Selomon

unsuitable vessels and swallowed up by the vast waters of the southern Mediterranean.

Two Eritreans interviewed by The Associated Press — among the hundreds of shipwreck survivors brought to Italian ports — were haunted by the fact that so many women and children had been on their cap-sized boat and did not survive.

They said they could still hear their cries.

UN refugee spokesman William Spindler told reporters at a news conference in Geneva that this year is already proving to be “particularly deadly” on the Mediterranean, with some 2,510 lives lost compared to 1,855 in the same time span a year ago.

The UN refugee agency said Tuesday it had tallied at least 880 deaths on the Mediterranean over the last week. Spindler noted such estimates are an inexact science, and said his agency's figures tend to be “conservative.”

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MIDDLE EAST

Heavy clashes as Iraqi forces push into Daesh-held Fallujah



Displaced Iraqis line up to collect donated food on the southern outskirts of Baghdad Tuesday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Iraqi forces battling their way into Fallujah repelled a four-hour counterattack by Daesh on Tuesday, a day after entering the southern part of the militant-held city with the help of U.S.-led air strikes.

A leading aid group meanwhile raised alarm over the unfolding “human catastrophe” in Fallujah, where an estimated 50,000 people remain trapped, and renewed calls on warring parties to open up safe corridors for civilians to flee.

The dawn attack unfolded in Fallujah's Nuaimiya area, most

of which was captured by Iraqi troops the previous day, two special forces officers told The Associated Press. They spoke anonymously because they were not authorized to release the information.

Daesh militants used tunnels and snipers, and targeted Iraqi forces with six explosives-laden cars that were destroyed before reaching their targets, the officers said. Iraqi forces suffered casualties, but the officers didn't provide details.

Monday's push into Nuaimiya, a sprawling agricultural area, was

the first attempt by Iraqi forces to enter the city, which fell to IS in January 2014. In recent days Iraqi forces had focused on driving the militants from outlying areas to tighten a siege on the city.

The clashes subsided by Tuesday afternoon, but the officers said further progress was slowed by roadside bombs planted by militants. The troops also paused to destroy tunnels in the area. The officers said 106 militants have been killed since Monday.

Fallujah was the first Iraqi city to fall to IS and is the last major urban area controlled by

the extremist group in western Iraq. The militants still control the country's second largest city, Mosul, in the north.

In a weekly briefing in Geneva, the spokesman of the UN refugee agency, William Spindler, said 624 families — or around 3,700 individuals — have fled over the past week, citing figures by Iraqi authorities.

Spindler said the UNHCR “understands another 500 men and boys over 12 years old are held for security screening,” which can take five to seven days. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Churches convert space for stability

FINANCES

Buildings being repurposed for yoga and tango classes, daycare

The idea of turning her local church into a community hub was at the forefront of Leanne Moussa's mind when it went up for sale two years ago.

With a group of other residents, Moussa paid \$1.52 million for All Saints Anglican Church in Ottawa, once the site of Prime Minister Robert Borden's state funeral.

"We had a real interest in preserving what we see as an important place of Canadian history, and preserving that as a public space in some way," she said. "We think this building and this property has served some important functions, not just for the congregation but for the larger community."

Once the renovations and repairs are complete, the church

will be home to a coffee shop, a wedding event space and meeting rooms for book launches, art shows and activist groups. Eventually, the church's lower hall will be turned into a permanent restaurant.

Moussa, who is not religious, notes All Saints is still a home of worship for faith-based groups. It's used as a mosque on Friday, a synagogue on Saturday and a church to two Christian groups on Sunday. It's also a destination for tango and yoga classes.

"Our business plan is focused on being a financially viable project that continues to serve the community and we think we can do both," she said.



Churches should not be sitting empty. They can be busy, active, interesting, fun places. Karen Hamilton

"We want to continue to engage the community, have people continue to come here so they can start to get the feel of this place as a hub."

Declining congregations and

climbing maintenance costs have added to the financial troubles some churches have had to deal with over the past few years. It's led some to come up with creative alternative uses to keep their churches financially sound.

Rev. Karen Hamilton, general secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, which bills itself as the largest ecumenical group in Canada, says there are a number of examples across the country where crumbling church buildings have been converted into bustling venues.

"What people have become aware of, which is great stewardship, is that these are great buildings that offer great spaces and

facilities and should be used all the time," said Hamilton.

"Churches should not be sitting empty. They can be busy, active, interesting, fun places all day long." THE CANADIAN PRESS



All Saints Anglican Church, owned by local residents, is used for a book launch reception in Ottawa last Thursday. The idea of turning her local Ottawa church into a community hub was at the forefront of Moussa's mind when the building went up for sale two years ago.

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ECONOMY

Markets lose steam as growth slows

The Canadian economy appears to be losing steam as it heads into the second quarter, which is expected to be a tough period made worse by the Alberta wildfires.

Statistics Canada said Tuesday the economy contracted by 0.2 per cent in March for a second consecutive negative month as real gross domestic product grew at a slower-than-expected pace in the first quarter.

David Watt, chief economist at HSBC Bank Canada, says the economy is struggling to maintain its underlying momentum.

"The important takeaway from my perspective is that we

had this weakness unfolding even before we start talking about the wildfires in Alberta, which is going to just disrupt economic data over the next couple of months," he said.

"My concern is that we lack drivers of the economy heading into the second quarter and into the second half of the year."

The economy grew at an annual rate of 2.4 per cent in the first quarter, Statistics Canada said. That was slower than the 2.9 per

0.2%

Stats Canada says the domestic economy contracted by 0.2 per cent in March.

cent pace economists had expected, Thomson Reuters states.

TD Bank senior economist Leslie Preston said the GDP report is evidence of the central bank's message that adjustment to lower oil prices has been uneven.

"The underlying fragility of Canada's economy beneath this see-saw growth pattern will necessitate monetary policy to remain stimulative for quite some time," Preston said.

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TIM QUERENGESSER ON ALBERTA'S RECKONING



Today marks the onset of a perfect storm the NDP government must weather. How it chooses to do this will tell us a lot about the Alberta you think you know

When people begin returning to Fort McMurray today, the natural reaction might be to see it as the end of a dark chapter — the most difficult times falling behind us — and to be thankful that so much human suffering has been balanced by so little loss of life.

This is all true. Today does mark the beginning of the end of fear and adrenaline for the residents of Fort McMurray. And we should be thankful.

But today also marks the onset of a perfect storm the Alberta government must weather. And how it chooses to do this will tell us whether the Alberta you think you know can stay that way for long.

The background: In its most recent provincial budget, tabled about a month before the wildfires, the Alberta government noted its largest ever drop in the revenues from oil royalties, thanks, of course, to the tumbling price of oil.

The drop was staggering, falling from \$7.2 billion in 2014-15 to just \$989 million in 2016, and it forced Alberta to revise its own recently created spending cap to allow it to borrow more money.

To give you an idea just how dire this was before the fire arrived, Alberta had already projected it would have to be loaned some \$57.6 billion by the 2018-19 fiscal year — and it was already using borrowed money to pay for basics like teachers' and doc-

tors' wages. Rather unprecedented in a province of plenty. And, to add insult, the province's credit rating had already been downgraded several times.

The strategy to face this was the standard Albertan refrain: We won't introduce what other provinces rely on, like sales taxes; we'll wait for the future, when oil prices will surely rebound. To this the NDP government added

berta at least \$985 million in real GDP in 2016. But Marie-Christine Bernard, who helped prepare the study, pointed out that the report came before the wildfire turned around and attacked oilsands work camps, forcing some 9,000 to evacuate and delaying oil production yet again. Bernard said the updated report, due in about two weeks, will adjust its lost-GDP estimate upward.

now, to pay for evacuations and to rebuild Fort McMurray while oil production has been stunted and the price of oil is forecast to hover around \$40 a barrel through 2016, before possibly climbing into the \$50 region by 2017. For context, in 2015, when oil fell to \$60 a barrel from its highs of more than \$100, alarm bells were already being rung. The clock on when it needs to rebound to rescue Alberta's long-standing status quo has almost definitely struck midnight.

The reflexive answer from the left that usually pops up in tough times is increasing taxes. The reflexive response to increasing taxes from the right is to cut spending.

Politically speaking, the Alberta government can't afford to do either.

In early 2015, a Mainstreet Technologies poll, published by the Calgary Herald in the days before the provincial election, found that just 15 per cent of Alberta respondents were in favour of increasing taxes to offset falling oil revenues. More than 40 per cent said spending should be cut instead. And just nine per cent said a sales tax would be the best solution. (Alberta is alone in provincial Canada in not having a sales tax.)

Meanwhile, who would propose the idea of cutting spending in a time like this? Rebuilding Fort McMurray is a must. Spending is without doubt set to increase for many years ahead.

And so, whether it wants to or not, the Alberta you may think you know from your perch in Toronto, Winnipeg, Halifax or Vancouver, is doubtlessly set to change.

Really, the fires have only begun.

Tim Querengesser is the managing editor of Metro Edmonton.



The devastated neighbourhood of Abasand is shown in Fort McMurray. Thousands of evacuees are expected to return to the city today.

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the idea of stimulus: Let's build infrastructure and bolster the economy with construction jobs. To that end it announced more than \$7 billion for things like roads and bridges.

But in the aftermath of the Fort McMurray wildfires, which were disturbingly symbolic in attacking the centre of Alberta oil production, a reckoning on that strategy is inescapable.

In mid-May the Conference Board of Canada estimated the wildfire would cost Al-

We ran the numbers and it could be by as much as another \$400 million — meaning Alberta is set for a hit in excess of \$1 billion.

Which brings us to the perfect storm. The question facing Rachel Notley's NDP government is stark: How will Alberta manage perhaps the nastiest downturn it has ever encountered, compounded by the Fort McMurray wildfires, without doing something far different than before?

Consider: Big pots of money are being spent, right

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

Old guard of women's mags helping bring feminism into fashion

With only a tenuous tie to any concept of feminism, women's magazines have long been a safe haven for sexism, selling women an "idea of women" as supremely desirable, ornamental, domestic and rich.

That has made them like candy to me: an indulgence that's bad for my health. A flip-book of women I'll never be, but that some small part of me still aspires to: the sexiest, the most stylish. The perfect.

This tradition has not died, but it is being infiltrated, and even undermined.

Take Glamour magazine's series "Abortion in America: The Tipping Point," which promises to look at "what's next for activists on both sides" but features headlines that are clearly pro-choice. E.g., "I've Already Been 'Punished' For My Abortion," "Oklahoma Governor Sees Reasons, Vetoes Anti-Abortion Bill" and "Terrifying (and True) Facts About Violence Against Abortion Providers."

The Cut, ostensibly New York Magazine's lifestyle vertical, has lately been the home of feminist takes on everything from Rokudenashiko, the Japanese vagina artist, to how not to give women dating advice, to sexism in Hollywood. Refinery29, an online fashion/lifestyle magazine, was seemingly founded to serve hip young women willing to click on a #sexism link.

Then there's Cosmopolitan, which announced political coverage to great fanfare in 2014, a move that

MSNBC attributed to "a high demand for conversations on women's political issues." Recently, Cosmo published a slam piece on Donald Trump's "soft" misogyny and a look at how Baylor University "Failed to Help Women Who Were Sexually Assaulted" with the subhead "This is a really big deal."

In Canada, Chatelaine has been shifting gears under editor-in-chief Lianne George, publishing feminist takes on Jian Ghomeshi (while shying away from the word "feminism"), a series of personal essays on women's relationships to their breasts, and regular dispatches on women's issues from columnist Rachel Giese. Even Flare magazine profiled the "Boss Babe" of Toronto's women-only taxi service DriveHer, amid stories of runaway-inspired prom hair.

That doesn't mean women's mags aren't flogging the usual wares ("Get tight abs" "Wake up hotter!"). Nor that the whole package isn't still racialized (Caution: white women everywhere!) and classist.

But I do take heart in these small improvements. If Glamour cares this much about abortion (a fact that surprised me), that's clearly because it's listening to its readers. Branding yourself in line with the modern woman's identity requires adding a feminist spin.

I will take a side of "The gender pay gap sucks," then, with that slideshow of the season's best block heels, thank you very much.

How will Alberta manage perhaps its nastiest downturn ever, without doing something different than before?

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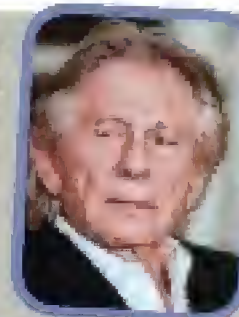
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Burgundy's famous **Domaine Ponsot** vintages were at the centre of Rudy Kurniawan's (seen inset) wine fraud scandal. COURTESY SOUR GRAPES

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



When one thinks of heist movies, they generally don't think of Beaujolais.

Then again, with most of us unable to truly tell the difference between an expensive sip of Burgundy from the Puligny-Montrachet region of France and a swig of cheap vino from New Jersey, it's a wonder there isn't more wine fraud.

In the new film *Sour Grapes*, filmmakers Jerry Rothwell and Reuben Atlas uncovered the story of Rudy Kurniawan — a phony wine savant who was able to surround himself with society's elite and earn millions auctioning counterfeit vintages.

"Wine has its own language, and it's a strange language because it's about putting taste into words," explained Rothwell.

"There's good and bad wine and there's got to be some way to define that and it's into that gap where Rudy jumps — this thing that's hard to pin down, subjective and very much about the context."

Context is everything when discussing the high-end world of wine collecting. As the film shows, Kurniawan was able to mimic the rarest vintages by cracking into high society circles. Billionaire Bill Koch even purchased about \$4 million worth of Kurniawan's stock — which the infamous financier eventually found to be bogus.

"It's just been commodified into this thing for which incredible amounts of money change hands," said Rothwell of the runaway wine market at the turn of the millennium, when Kurniawan's con was at its height.

"We both knew the film had to take a non-wine audience

into this weird world of wine aficionados," said Rothwell of the movie's caper-like structure.

"As we started to realize Rudy was going to be the mysterious centre of the film rather than the narrative voice, it would become a film that was about being conned and about vulnerability."

Surely, there is some cathartic pleasure in watching millionaires fall prey to a seemingly harmless hustler. But even as both filmmakers stated their aim was to "hold a finger up to sommeliers telling you why you ordered wrong," they also discovered the world of wine collection is more than just snobbery.

"Wine is a legitimate art form and collectors even have legitimacy," said Atlas. "You may disagree with the money they spend (but) the more I learned about the wine world, the more I felt sympathetic to everybody."

The Essentials of Wine Investment

Wine is no longer just for drinking. With the world's most expensive vintages worth thousands of dollars, collectors are increasingly investing in rare bottles. Here are three essential tips for wine collectors:

• **Educate Yourself:** Only a small percentage of world's wine makes up the most marketable investments. While the wines of Bordeaux and Burgundy command the highest price, get to learn the value of all vintages.

• **Price Factors:** Do the work to learn what affects the value of vino — like age and maturation, supply and demand and the price of vintages themselves.

• **Storage:** Although ideal wine storage hovers around 13 de-

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grees Celsius, it's also important to understand such conditions as air quality, humidity, corkage and how to rack your bottles.

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Smoking is the new grilling

INTERVIEW

BBQ guru Steven Raichlen pushes flavour boundaries

Most people wouldn't dream of smoking ice cream, but grilling guru Steven Raichlen insists you can. In his pursuit of adding depth of flavour to food, he's tried smoking almost everything.

Not only does Raichlen smoke the traditional — ribs, pork shoulder, brisket, chicken — but he likes to push the envelope with eggs, cheesecake and even ice cubes for cocktails.

The TV host and author calls smoke the "umami of barbecue" because it acts like a flavour intensifier, transforming familiar foods into something unique.

Smoked eggs taste as if they've been kissed by a brisket or smoked salmon. A quick strong blast of smoke on ice cream keeps it from melting and is "just enough to get a wonderful patina."

"It's the best ice cream you'll ever taste because it has something that ice cream doesn't normally have," Raichlen says during a recent visit to Toronto. "You know the movie *The Wizard of Oz*, the point in the movie where it goes from black and white to colour? I would say regular ice cream is black and white, and then when it's smoked it goes to Technicolor," he says.

While researching his new book *Project Smoke*, published by Workman, Raichlen built a cedar smokehouse at his prop-

+ QUICK TIPS TO GET YOU STARTED

Things to know about smoking

Flavour raw food

Pre-smoke flavouring techniques include salting, curing, brining, rubbing, marinating and injecting. During smoking, you can add mop sauces, sprays, bastes, glazes and barbecue sauces. A basic barbecue rub is used a lot on fatty meats like pork shoulder or ribs. Brine is used with lean meats like chicken and turkey.

Choose wood

A misconception is that apple or cherry wood will make food taste like those fruits. Damp wood may become mouldy. Raichlen once

thought mould would burn away at 200 C (400 F), but the flavour came through in the smoke and ruined his food.

Add wood slowly

Wood should be added very gradually once every 40 minutes to an hour. The smoke should be pale blue. If it's dark black or billowing, you may be adding too much. Your food should just be "kissed" by smoke. And remember that lower heat produces more smoke; higher temperatures produce less.

erty on Martha's Vineyard, then experimented with a huge array of condiments and seasonings.

He came up with smoked mayonnaise, which is "absolutely wondrous" on a BLT or a lobster roll, and smoked sour cream for baked potatoes. He infused heavy cream for whipping, and experimented with smoking vanilla, salt, sugar, ketchup, hot sauce, mustard, honey and maple syrup.

But he found chocolate and peppercorns did not smoke well, likely because of their bitter, earthy flavour profiles.

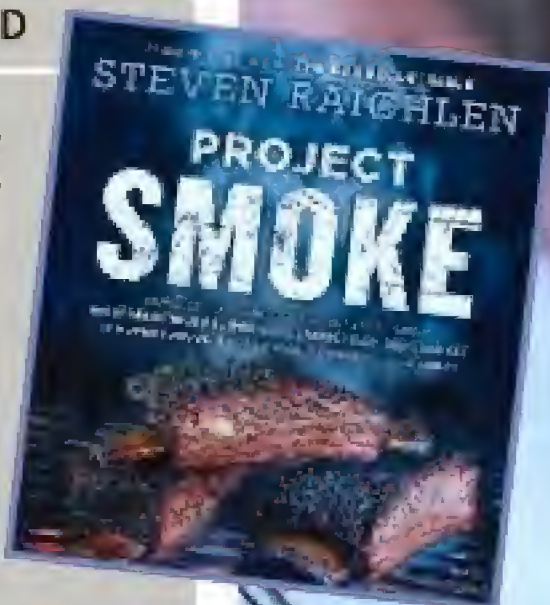
"Smoking is easy, but it's not simple," he says, and so he leads newbie and experienced smokers alike through the intricacies

of buying one of the many types of smokers on the market. He also provides tips on techniques like hot, cold or smoke-roasting, building a fire, choosing the right wood for meats and determining when the cook is done.

Raichlen, the author of more than two dozen books including *The Barbecue! Bible*, *How to Grill* and *Planet Barbecue!*, said writing his latest "was a real journey of discovery for me quite literally."

He travelled to Oaxaca, Mexico to learn how mezcal is made with smoked and roasted cactus hearts; Islay Island, Scotland where barley is smoked over peat to make Scotch whisky; Scandinavia for smoked fish; and the Italian Alps for smoked ham and cheese.

He often visits Quebec to film TV shows in French — *Le Maître du Grill* and most recently *La Tag BBQ* — and is a fan of Montreal's smoking scene. He includes a recipe for Montreal meatballs in the book. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Smoked Potato Salad is just one of the non-traditional smoked dishes in *Project Smoke*.

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Smoking is easy, but it's not simple

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LIQUID ASSETS**Prosecco wins for summer sipping**

While in Venice last month I made a pilgrimage to Harry's Bar, one of li-quordom's most famous watering holes. Opened in 1931, it holds a special place in the hearts of cocktail fans thanks to the Bellini, a blend of sparkling prosecco wine and peach purée invented by then owner Giuseppe Cipriani. Now a haunt for tourists looking for a taste of old Venezia, back in the day Harry's was a celebrity hangout where the likes of Ernest Hemingway, Alfred Hitchcock and Orson Wells bellied up to the bar. Named after a 15th century Venetian artist, the pink and fruity Bellini is a light, low alcohol refresher perfect for relaxing summer afternoons. Just fill a glass with two parts Italian bubbly, like the crisp Blu Giovello Prosecco (\$13.85-\$17.99), and one part peach juice. While many bartenders choose a champagne flute, Harry's serves theirs in a simple high-ball-style tumbler.

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MUSIC**CBC wants to air The Hip's final show**

Fans frustrated by sky-high ticket prices will be happy to know that the CBC wants to broadcast The Tragically Hip's final show — but the deal isn't done yet.

"We are interested in airing the Tragically Hip's final show and are having conversations with the band to see if we can make it happen," said CBC communications advisor Emma Bédard.

Meanwhile, Ontario's attorney general says she's prepared to try and find out why so many Tragically Hip fans couldn't buy tickets for their summer concerts — unless they wanted to pay many times face value on resale sites.

Attorney General Madeleine Meilleur says she sympathizes with fans who would have to pay such tremendous prices to see the band. She says the ministry needs to look at what is happening now with the resale prices and insists she wants to fix the situation. Fans who were frustrated by their inability to get tickets for The Tragically Hip's farewell tour had mounted a campaign to have the band's

final show broadcast on the CBC.

This followed outrage over tickets showing up on reseller websites for hundreds of dollars more than their face value after selling out almost instantly when first offered for sale Monday.

"The Hip have had a defining influence on our country, and, for so many of us, are core to our identity as Canadians," wrote Grant Bishop in an open letter to the CBC on his Facebook page.

"What would be awesome is if you could live video broadcast this concert. In particular, it would be great if you would provide a video feed for fans to gather to watch the Hip's final show in public venues across this country — and wherever Canadians are in the world."

Pre-sale tickets were sold out within minutes on Ticketmaster, with online resellers like StubHub offering them up for almost 10 times their market value. While the original ticket price ranged from \$56-\$166 at the Air Canada Centre, on StubHub they ranged from \$142-\$1,310 each.

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A food stylist's Instagram secrets

INTERVIEW

Making social media meals look good enough to eat

Amy Pataki
Torstar News Service

A lot of television cooking magic lies in the editing. So says American food stylist Susan Spungen (Julie & Julia). Spungen created the dishes on new TV drama Feed the Beast, in which two best friends try to turn their lives around by opening an upscale Greek restaurant. The series premieres June 5 on AMC. Tommy Moran (David Schwimmer) is the sommelier. Dion Patras (Jim Sturgess) is the chef. Food is also a major character. We talked to Spungen about how to make home cooking, as well as TV food, look appetizing.

We see Dion smashing garlic and hacking lamb shanks. Did Jim Sturgess know how to cook?
I'm not sure how much experi-



Jim Sturgess and David Schwimmer star in the new AMC restaurant drama Feed the Beast, premiering June 5. Above left: A rack of lamb with smoked eggplant, olive and gigante beans from the show. CONTRIBUTED

ence he has as a home cook, but he has spent a ton of time learning skills in cooking classes as we've been shooting, so he's improved a lot, but a lot can be done with editing, too!

Eggplant purée usually looks like grey mush. You used it with lamb.
Well, if used as a background for other things, it's a nice,

blank canvas on which to build a plate.

For the last decade, chefs have been using tweezers, squeeze bottles and even liquid nitrogen to jazz up their plates. How can home cooks make their plates look good?
Well, that is just one very particular style, and it is not really representative of all

chefs and all styles of cooking. Dion Patras is not a tweezer chef. I think it is best to make sure to cook food well, using good technique and make sure you have a lot of colour on the plate, which doesn't necessarily mean a lot of different colours. A monochromatic plate can be beautiful. The colours should be considered before you decide what to cook.

What are your top three plating don'ts?

Don't plate too soon, especially sliced red meat. Don't use tweezers! And don't sprinkle parsley on the edge of the plate (so '80s).

Your Instagram is pure food porn. How can readers take a beautiful food photo?

I always look for an exciting

+ PHOTO TIPS

Susan Spungen's tricks for drool-worthy digital pics

Get good light
Avoid artificial light if you can, and try snapping the plate from a few different angles for the best look.

Hold the parsley
It's so '80s!

Don't overindulge
Not every photo needs to go online.

food moment — and then I have to find some good light. When I'm home, I will move something around and shoot it in a couple of different locations to find the best light. Then I do a little tuning to make it pop more. Avoid artificial light if you can. And of course, colour and composition should be taken into consideration.

Also, only post it if you think it's pretty good. You don't have to post every picture you take.



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

An addictive antidote to life's uncertainties

THE SHOW: The Wendy Williams Show (CBS)
THE MOMENT: "Ask Wendy"

Audience members lob questions at afternoon talk show host Wendy Williams. "My new husband invited my ex-boyfriend to visit," a gay man says. "Should I be worried?"

"Yes," Wendy replies flatly.

A woman asks, "My boyfriend's daughter lives with him. How can I get her out?"

"When he gives you a ring and you set a date, your opinion will count," Wendy answers.

Another woman says, "My boyfriend and I took a break. During the break he slept with his ex. Now she's pregnant..."

Wendy cuts her off: "This is not worth your trouble. Move along."

I'd never seen this show before and I can't believe the speed and certitude with which Wendy dispenses advice. In fact I can't believe how quickly Wendy talks period: So many words said so authoritatively in so little time it's breathtaking, or rather not



Wendy Williams. DIMITRIOS KAMBOURIS/GETTY IMAGES FOR OPERATION SMILE

breathtaking, since she talks without taking any breaths at all.

Her guests are the same. Before "Ask Wendy," Williams interviewed fashion

Watch Williams, and for a precious hour, live in a world without doubt.

guru Andre Leon Talley. In two minutes flat, they covered a new fashion doc, Will Smith's children ("Jaden is gender fluid!" Talley cried repeatedly), what's out of style ("Over-decorated nails, rudeness, and women on the street at noon who are dressed for pole dancing") and his podcast.

If you are plagued by uncertainty, this show is the antidote. Watch Williams, and for a precious hour, live a world without doubt, where good-looking people who have all the answers tell them to you quickly. She's cocaine in human form.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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REVIEW

Golf R a truly great ride, manual or no

This is the first year the Golf R is available with an automatic transmission.

Driving a Volkswagen Golf R has always put you in a special club of "Save the Manuals" fanatics, so more than a couple enthusiasts melodramatically proclaimed that "this is the end" when VW announced that a six-speed DSG would become available in the hot hatch.

Fans liked the fact that this hot hatch used to be manual-only, because it felt like an exclusive club, but how does the R do with this new DSG? Is the hot hatch just as hot without three pedals?

The quick answer is that this six-speed DSG is probably the best dual clutch automatic transmission on the market right now, so any fears about an automatic neutering of the R and making it boring are completely unfounded.

The shifts are like rapid fire, and the DSG never gets confused and always seems to know what gear to be in. There's no weird shuddering at low speeds, and it's not shy about dropping down a gear to keep the engine in its sweet spot when you need more power. The automatic is just so

good, it doesn't really take away from how fun the R feels and it will even get to 96 km/h about 0.7 seconds faster than the manual can, even though the manual is 36 kilograms lighter.

Helping it hit those speeds is a 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder with 292 horsepower. That may not seem like much in a world of 700-hp Hellcats, but in practice, you'll never find yourself wanting more. Getting up to highway speeds or juking around traffic in town, the R feels so much faster than its numbers suggest. It's a nimble car with fantastic steering.

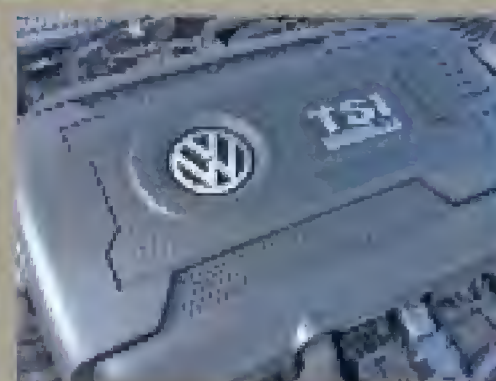
When you first get into the R, it can feel a lot like a GTI, maybe a bit stiffer and slightly quicker. But switching into Race mode changes the car's personality entirely. One complaint about the R in its regular driving mode was that it was too quiet. Well, race mode has your back. All of a sudden, the R puts its mean face on, it's faster, it's more responsive, and has a growly sound to match. It's loud enough to make you smile, but isn't so loud that you feel like a teenaged idiot with a fart can.

The GTI has always been a great car, and the R makes it even better. It's well-rounded, refined, fun, practical, and it's just as happy ripping through twisty roads as it is just going to the grocery store.
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THE BASICS

Engine: 2.0L turbo four-cylinder
Power: 292 hp
Transmission: Six-speed DSG (or Six-speed manual)
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5 THINGS THAT'LL WREAK HAVOC ON YOUR PAINT JOB

Cars are tough, but that colourful coating on the outside isn't as durable as you may think. Car paint is actually quite brittle and sensitive to the elements. Everyday things your car encounters can seriously damage your paint's finish if left untreated. Here's a quick list of what kind of things can screw up your paint and why. **AUTOGUIDE.COM**



1 Eggs

Egging houses and cars on Halloween is just a harmless prank, right? Not when it hits your car! The whites and yolk of an egg are acidic and can eat away your paint's clear coat. It can also leave a nasty stain if it's baked in, and can go so far as to damage your base coat. The eggshells can also scratch your paint.



2 Silly string

Pranksters and frat kids love to mess with each other's rides, especially the nice ones, but foamy attacks from silly string and shaving cream can cause discoloration if left for a long time untreated. To remove it, make sure to rinse thoroughly so the foam can come off (if it's been caked on) and use a general car cleaner.



3 Bugs

The sign of a true spring and summer road trip is to see some bug splatter on your car's windshield and bumper. Some of the acids in bugs can seriously eat away at your car's paint if left for too long. Acids found in the blood of insects can permanently damage your car, and need special attention. Most experts agree that lathering up the bug guts ASAP helps.



4 Dust

Dust is very fine dirt and if one of your cheeky friends writes in it, they can seriously screw up and scratch your paint. Dust and pollen can leave scratches if you wipe it dry. A gentle car wash will help clear this dirt without damaging the paint, but if you do wipe it and leave a scratch you may need help from a detailer.



5 Drinks

Sometimes we leave our coffee or soda cups on the hood of our car while getting in. Take care not to spill that stuff, because there's some nasty, paint-eating stuff in both coffee and most soda. Coffee and cola are both acidic and both will damage and corrode your paint if left untreated.

FOR SALE

Hyundai builds an 'Iron Man' suit

Hyundai has released photos of a "wearable robot" exoskeleton that it has developed, an invention the brand compares to the suit featured in the Iron Man movie franchise.

"Hyundai Motor Group is developing a wearable robot because it is being targeted for commercialization," says a post that appeared on an official Hyundai blog. "Look into the future of wearable robotic

mobility to get ahead."

As demonstrated by a set of photos, the suit has a number of benefits including giving the wearer the ability to lift heavy objects, to help with walking for those who are disabled and for physical therapy purposes. Beyond those uses, Hyundai also said that this type of suit could be used in factories and in the military.

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Hyundai says its robot suit could be used in factories and the military. **HANDOUT**

+ IN BRIEF

Google's sticky solution for pedestrian safety

Google has patented a new sticky hood that is meant to improve pedestrian safety. The system is designed to

have the pedestrian stick to the front end of the car in a collision, preventing them from flying away and being injured further.

The patent notes that

the worst injuries in pedestrian collisions often happen when the pedestrian is thrown from the vehicle, colliding with either objects or the road.

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Summer may seem like the ideal time to take to the road, but it's important to remember to stay focused on your driving and to leave yourself lots of space on the highway, experts say. ISTOCK

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DRIVER SAFETY

Speeding and distracted driving pose major threats

Michelle Williams

It's summer driving season. This time of year, drivers aren't dealing with ice and snow; roads are generally easy to drive and days are long so there's less driving in the dark. Conditions may appear to be good, but data shows that while the frequency of accidents is higher during the winter months, there is a spike in insurance claims during July and August that suggests collisions are more serious in summer.

"During the summer months, drivers may be less alert and watchful because road conditions are good," explains Steve Kee, spokesperson for the Insurance Bureau of Canada. "But there's so much going on — there are potholes left from winter, lots of vehicles including bikes and motorcycles, more pedestrians. It's actually a time

when we should be extra vigilant about how we drive.

False sense of security

"What we see is distracted driving, which is a major cause for auto collisions," Kee says. "Drivers get lulled into a false sense of security on the road. They focus on music, texts and talking on the phone, as well as figuring out directions to where they're going, eating while they're driving, dealing with the kids or the dog. It's easy to get sidetracked, but important to drive safely and responsibly."

Heavy traffic

Another challenge is traffic. Especially for Canadians traveling to summer homes or vacation spots on Friday and Sunday nights, roads can be thick with traffic and cars may be moving at a snail's pace. Add road construction to the mix and you can be facing huge jams. When the road opens up, often people put the pedal to the metal and try to make up for lost time.

"Speed limits are there for a reason. It's all about what speed is safe for you to drive," says Kee. "If you go above the limit, it won't really get you to where you're going that much faster

but it may get you a ticket or perhaps cause an accident; both may cause your insurance premiums to go up."

Sun glare

Another issue for summer driving is the sun. "Invest in a good pair of sunglasses," Kee says. "They're important when you're driving into the sun to help cut the glare." He also recommends you keep your windshield clean inside and out so you can easily see through the window when the sun is shining.

Quick breaks

For longer road trips, take frequent stops. "When I drive, I try and stop every hour or so for a quick break. Otherwise, your hands can get numb, your legs stiff, your eyes tired," he says.



Drivers may be less alert and watchful because road conditions are good.

Steve Kee, Insurance Bureau of Canada

He suggests programming your GPS before you start so you aren't distracted looking for directions.

Roadworthy

Making sure your car is roadworthy is another important aspect to safe summer driving. "Checking your tires and air pressure is really smart practice," Kee also says you should check fluid levels and have your car serviced before any major road trip.

Other drivers

Finally, watch out for other drivers. "Unfortunately, many people still drink and drive, especially in summer," says Kee. "Leave yourself lots of space on the road, especially at night and the early hours of the morning. Be watchful of other cars as you go through intersections or pass by cross streets in case another driver is driving dangerously, drunk or otherwise." If you see someone you suspect may be driving under the influence, he says, call the police immediately to report it. "If you're not alone in the car, get your passenger to make the call. If you're by yourself, pull over before you phone."

+ SAFETY TIPS FOR SUMMER DRIVERS

• **Before you head out** on a road trip, double check seat belts and child car seats to ensure everyone is safely strapped in.

• **If you're hauling a trailer** or boat or have a cargo box or kayak on the roof, your car may feel a little more unwieldy to manage. Allow extra space between you and other vehicles, don't make sudden lane changes or quick turns and drive cautiously.

• **With school out**, there are more teens on the roads in summer. They're inexperienced and are that much more likely to make driving errors — one more reason for you to be a defensive driver.

• **It's prime season** for road construction — remember that it's your responsibility to slow down when you see a construction site ahead.

• **Extreme summer heat** can cause your tires to expand. If the rubber is worn, you could have a blowout. Look for signs of wear in your tires.

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Some city summer camps still have space, so register today

Jen Taplin

Better watch out parents: summer break is almost upon us.

If summer has snuck up on you a little too fast, don't worry there's still time to register your kids in camps. From arts, to sports and performance, there's something out there to interest every kid.

Here's a selection of some of the city's summer camps with spots still available:

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City of Calgary

The City of Calgary offers many summer camps for kids aged three to 17. These programs are designed to be fun, challenging and educational.

Location: various locations throughout the city.

University of Calgary camps

The University of Calgary offers 11 different summer camps with more than 70 different programs including sports, science, and the great outdoors. Many of the camps for younger kids are full, but there are several spaces avail-

able in many other camps.

Location: 2500 University Dr. NW

YMCA Summer Camps

Calgary YMCA offers half-day, full-day and week-long camps where kids can play sports, craft, play games, sing songs, and swim. Week-long camps include field trips like outings to the Calgary Zoo or the Calgary Corn Maze.

Location: Crowfoot YMCA, Shawnessy YMCA, Eau Claire YMCA, South Health Campus YMCA, Saddletown YMCA

Clay for Kids

Here kids aged five to 13 learn to hand-build clay projects and to make a bowl or cup on the pottery wheel. In these camps, kids get an inside look at a working pottery studio and see how clay is transformed into pottery.

Location: 2083 146 Ave SE

Evergreen Theatre Puppet Camp

Kids can learn about puppets, build their own and perform at the end of the camp. The best part: at the end of the camp kids can take home their puppets to put on shows at home.

Location: #2, 1709 8th Ave NE

Mad Science Summer Camps

For 20 years Mad Science has been offering science-based summer camps for kids in Calgary that are so much fun, kids forget they're learning.

Location: six locations throughout Calgary.

The Carolina Hurricanes have hired former NHL defenceman Ulf Samuelsson to coach their AHL affiliate in Charlotte



Sidney Crosby had an assist in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final on Monday night in Pittsburgh.

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‘That’s why he’s as good as he is’

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Crosby attends optional practice after Game 1 victory

The probable scratches at a sparsely attended Pittsburgh Penguins practice were joined by arguably the best hockey player in the world.

Hours after a dominant performance in the Penguins’ 3-2 win over San Jose to open the Stanley Cup final, Sidney Crosby toiled alongside those that likely would not play in Game 2.

Crosby took to the ice at the UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex about 15 minutes before the scheduled 12:15 p.m. workout. He lingered after the session, working on his shot in the slot and sharpening his skills in the faceoff circle.

It was an example of the leadership the Penguins speak about glowingly.

“I don’t think he’s as good as he is by accident,” Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said. “As long as I’ve been associated with this league I don’t know that I’ve been around a player that has the same work ethic as Sid does as far as that insatiable appetite to try to just get better and be the best. And I think that’s why he’s as good as he is.”

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Crosby is tied for eighth in playoff points with 16 — six goals and 10 assists.

“It also sets a standard for our team when your captain and your top player brings a work ethic to the rink every day like he does,” Sullivan added. “He certainly makes my job as the head coach a lot easier as far as demanding the type of standard that we need to be successful.”

Crosby was all over the ice in nearly 21 minutes on Monday night. He set up the Penguins’ second goal with a rifled backhand pass that zipped across the ice to Conor Sheary, adding four shots and a 57 per cent success mark on the draw.

His line, which included Sheary and Swedish winger Patric Hornqvist, generated plenty of chances in the victory, with sustained time in the offensive zone.

Crosby said getting back on the ice Tuesday was in keeping with routine.

“It was nice to have the opportunity to go out there today because you work on a lot of stuff,” he said.

Eric Fehr was the only other player who suited up in Game 1 to join Crosby at the practice.

“He’s got the ‘C’ on his chest for a reason,” Sheary said of Crosby. “When you see him doing things like that it makes you think you’re not working hard enough.”

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Rust listed as day-to-day after hit to the head

Not on the ice Tuesday was **Bryan Rust**, injured in the third period of Game 1.

Rust, who scored the Penguins’ first goal on Monday, was hit in the head by the Sharks’ Patrick Marleau. Rust played one

shift afterward before exiting the game for good and was deemed to be day-to-day with an upper-body injury.

Sullivan had no further update on his status on Tuesday.

Marleau was not suspended for the play.



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FRENCH OPEN

Nos. 2, 6 in women’s draw lose in the rain

Yes, they actually managed to complete a match on this wettest of weeks at the French Open. Two, even. And both involved surprises: two of the top half-dozen seeded women lost within minutes of each other, No. 2 Agnieszka Radwanska and No. 6 Simona Halep.

After their fourth-round exits Tuesday, both Radwanska and Halep complained firmly about tournament organizers’ decision to make them play through drizzles — or worse —

that made courts slippery and clay-caked tennis balls heavy.

“I mean, it’s not a (low-tier) tournament. It’s a Grand Slam. How can you allow players to play in the rain?” said Radwanska.

Radwanska dropped 10 consecutive games while being beaten 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 by 102nd-ranked Tsvetana Pironkova. Halep lost 7-6 (0), 6-3 to No. 21 Sam Stosur in a contest between two past finalists at Roland Garros. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Glenn Howard’s team gets younger in shuffle

Veteran skip Glenn Howard is adding some youth to his team for the upcoming curling season.

David Mathers, 25, will join the rink at the second position and Richard Hart will move into the vice-skip role.

Longtime teammate Wayne Middaugh will not return as he was unable to commit to a full campaign after suffering a serious leg injury last winter.

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Hitchcock to coach Blues for one more season

Ken Hitchcock has another one-year deal to coach the St. Louis Blues. The 64-year-old Hitchcock says this one will be his last.

Hitchcock said he plans to retire from coaching after the 2016-17 season because he’s not willing to put in the off-season preparation necessary.

Hitchcock will be entering his sixth season with the Blues and 20th season as a head coach.

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LPGA TOUR

Ko keen on playing in Calgary after Rio

The opening round of this summer’s Canadian Women’s Open tees off just five days after the Olympic women’s golf tournament concludes in Rio.

Despite the tight turnaround, Lydia Ko will try to defend her title at the Aug. 25-28 Canadian Pacific Women’s Open. She hopes to bring an Olympic gold medal with her.

The world No. 1 is in Calgary this week doing her homework at Priddis Greens Golf and Country Club.



Lydia Ko
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The debut of women’s golf at the Summer Games means a compressed and hectic summer ahead for the 19-year-old star, but the Canadian stop on the

LPGA Tour holds a special place her heart. Her first and second Tour wins were in Canada in 2012 and 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA

Full-court press on Durant's future

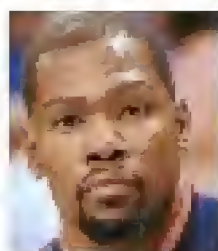
Kevin Durant sat at the press conference table with Russell Westbrook by his side, the two friends and teammates trying to get their minds around letting a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference final slip away.

It didn't take long for Durant to face a question about his fu-

ture in Oklahoma City.

"We just lost like 30 minutes ago, so I haven't even thought about it," Durant said after a Game 7 loss to the Warriors ended the Thunder's season.

"I'll think about that



Kevin Durant
GETTY IMAGES

stuff, I don't know when. But we just lost an hour ago, 30 minutes ago, so I don't know."

The all-world scorer will become a free agent on July 1 and will be the most coveted player on the market.

The way the Thunder, and several other teams, performed in the playoffs this spring could go a long way toward whether star free agents choose to stay home or seek bigger money or a perceived better chance of winning elsewhere.

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Jays centre-fielder Kevin Pillar slides into home plate on Tuesday at Rogers Centre. TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

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MLB

Pillar puts versatility to good use vs. division rivals

TUESDAY In Toronto



Kevin Pillar followed up a spectacular catch in the outfield with a tie-breaking single to lead the Toronto Blue Jays past the New York Yankees 4-1 on Tuesday night.

Justin Smoak had a home run in the fourth inning for the Blue Jays (28-26), who have back-to-back wins and have been victorious in six of their last seven.

J.A. Happ (6-2) earned a no-decision after giving up a run on four hits over six innings with four strikeouts. Joe Biagini and Jesse Chavez pitched a scoreless inning each before closer Roberto Osuna came on to earn his 12th save of the season.

Biagini (3-1) earned the win as the pitcher of record when Pillar hit his RBI single.

C.C. Sabathia (3-4) sustained the loss after giving up two runs on four hits and five strikeouts over six innings for New York

(24-27). Dellin Betances and Kirby Yates came out of the bullpen for the Yankees.

Aaron Hicks got New York on the board in the second inning, grounding into a fielder's choice that brought home Chase Headley.

Pillar brought the 33,419 in attendance to their feet with a highlight-reel diving catch in centre field on catcher Austine Romine's hit to end the fourth inning. The standing ovation continued as Pillar trotted off the field and into the Toronto dugout.

Former closer Jason Grilli and cash considerations were acquired by Toronto in a trade with Atlanta earlier Tuesday. In return, Atlanta obtained right-hander Sean Ratcliffe, from Ajax, Ont., an 18th-round pick in 2013 who was 2-2 with a 3.60 ERA in 22 games with Class-A Vancouver last year.

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+ NEGOTIATING

Bautista: Hometown discounts unfair to players

Jays slugger Jose Bautista says he would "love" to remain in Toronto after this season, but is also intent on testing the free-agent waters.

Bautista, who is in the option year of a \$78-million deal he signed in 2011, told Sports Illustrated if he does remain a Jay, he won't do so for the so-called "hometown" discount.

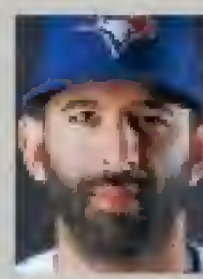
"I love the city," Bautista told SI. "I'd be stupid to leave."

"But," the 36-year-old added, "I will explore every single option, whether it

happens or not with the new regime, to continue to try to stay here. That being said, I think teams utilize that a lot against players,

(seeking) a discount or bargain price, and I think that's extremely unfair."

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Jose Bautista
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RECIPE Israeli Couscous Pilaf



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

- 1 tsp honey
- salt and pepper

Directions

1. In a pot, bring olive oil to a medium heat. Add the onions and let soften and start to brown. Add the couscous and stir to cover in oil. Stir often and let the couscous absorb the oil for about three to five minutes.

2. Stir in stock and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and allow to simmer for about 15 minutes, until the couscous is al dente.

3. Toss together the chopped vegetables, feta, mint and parsley. Add the cooked couscous and stir together.

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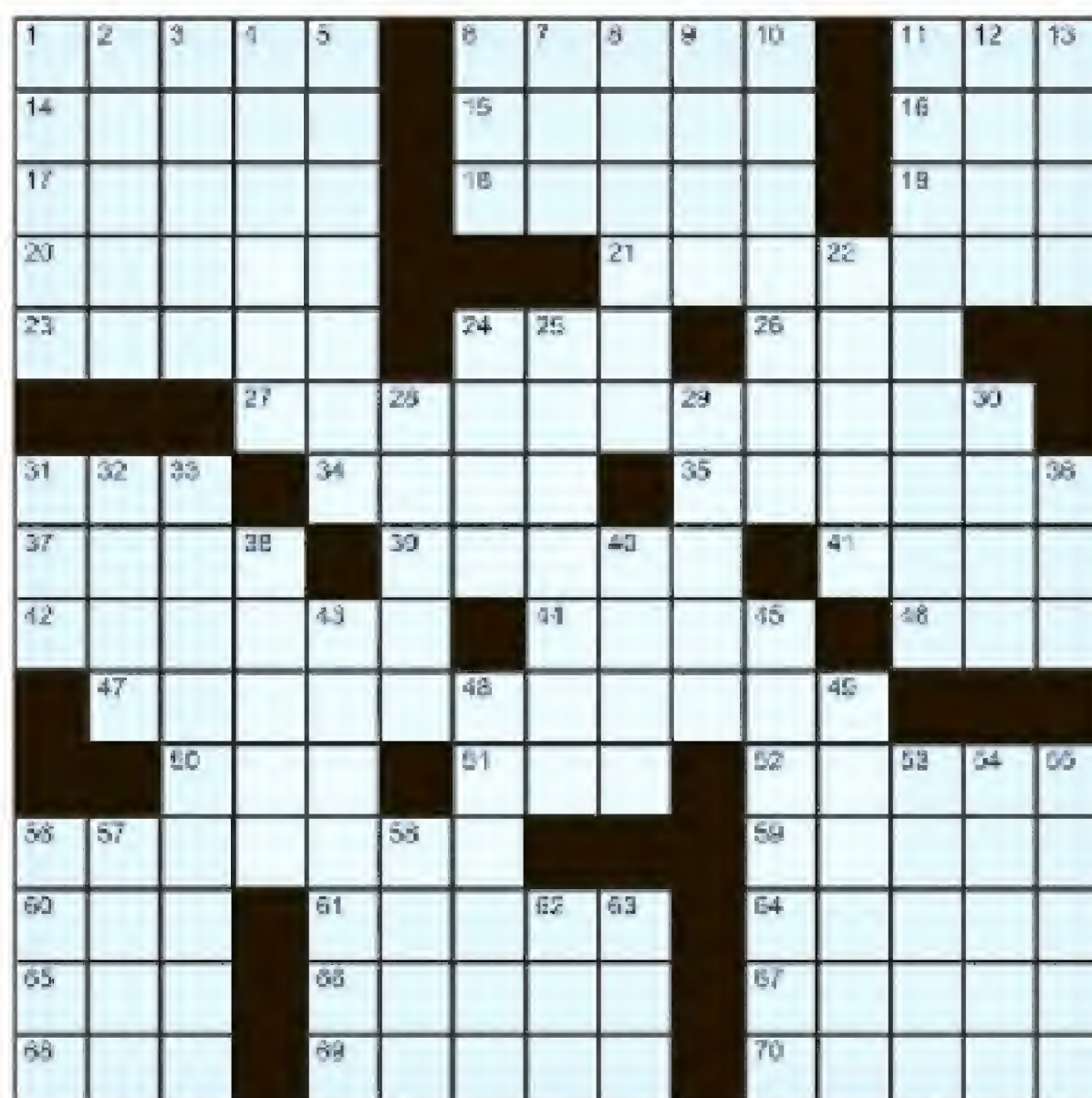
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 Tbsp of olive oil
- 1 cup, whole-grain Israeli couscous
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup chopped cucumber
- 1/2 cup chopped yellow pepper
- 1/2 cup chopped tomato
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta
- 1 small handful chopped mint
- 1 small handful chopped parsley
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/8 cup red wine vinegar
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- Bluff
- "Born to Be Wild" enthusiast
- "That's MY raw-hide!"
- Award, States-style
- Duck
- Canuck financial inst.
- Lumberjack's tool, just one: 2 wds.
- Works the bar
- All-you-can-__
- Property separator
- Restaurant staff
- Montgomery Clift's biopic title role in 1962
- Spencer Davis Group's "___ Man"
- Lair
- Canada-USA crossing gig: 2 wds.
- Kiev's land [abbr.]
- ___ 18 (WWII-set novel by Leon Uris)
- Gasping-in-horror motion
- Pinocchio-ed
- Dance garb fabric
- Hoisted, nautical-style
- Open the documents marked CLASSIFIED
- Camera lovers
- Converged
- Smoked meat deli in Montreal: 2 wds.
- Eliminate
- "Cabaret" (1972) actress...her initials-sharers
- Digs
- ___ of the Seas



- (World's largest cruise ship)
- That place
- Bart Simpson's grandfather
- Empty environs
- Enjoy the meal: 2 wds.
- "The Voice" broadcaster

- Boredom
- Build buildings
- Capture
- Thesaurus compiler, Peter Mark ___ (b.1779 - d.1869)
- Wheezing noises

DOWN

- Brit-style banter

- Solo party planner
- Absurd
- Young animal in the forest: 2 wds.
- "___ 30": George Michael's music video featuring supermodels including Canada's Linda Evangelista

- Casino wager
- 'Excess' ending
- Amber ___ (Co-host of BNN's innovative businesses show "The Disruptors"...more at #54-Down)
- Norse story
- Slag or dreg
- TV talk show's

- wait spot pre-interview: 2 wds.
- "The Roy Rogers Show" setting, Double ___ Ranch
- Store returns proofs [abbr.]
- Impart knowledge
- Lazily
- Saskatchewan village a half hour east of Saskatoon
- Streamlets
- Prefix to 'phone' (Antique record player)
- Start the scuba-ing
- Arctic knife
- Variety
- Rise up the Phoenix
- Sanction
- Casual-wear choice
- NFL players in Los Angeles
- Perth ___ New Brunswick
- Not as blatant
- Rita MacNeil's "___ on Your Own"
- Super sandy site
- Ward off
- As per #8-Down... "The Disruptors" co-host Mr. Croxon
- Sevens, in Sherbrooke
- "___ Ten" by Canadian singer Edwin
- Superior at a French monastery
- ___ (Hair removal tool advertised on TV)
- "___ South"
- Be a portrait model

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't worry about spending a lot of time daydreaming today; it is what it is. Be clear in all your communications, because it's easy to be confused today.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day for major expenditures or important financial decisions. It's also a poor day to shop for anything other than food or gas. Protect your wealth.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
It's normal to feel your energy is low today. Sleep in or take a nap if you can. Don't push yourself, because this is the kind of day to take it easy. Don't expect too much from others, either.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Secrets might come out today. If so, do not be quick to believe them. As Churchill once said, "There are a lot of lies going around, and some of them are true."

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
If you're involved with a group of people today, don't be pushy. People will change their mind a lot, because nobody is quite sure what they want. It happens.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is a poor day to ask bosses and authority figures for permission or approval. Nothing will turn out the way you think. Wait until tomorrow.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You long to escape somewhere today. You want to get away from all this. If dreams were horses, then beggars would ride.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Despite your interest in shared property, taxes and inheritances at the moment, this is a poor day to make decisions regarding these matters. Furthermore, don't believe everything you hear.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You have to compromise with others today. However, if people seem confused, do nothing. Tomorrow is a better day to act. Just coast today.

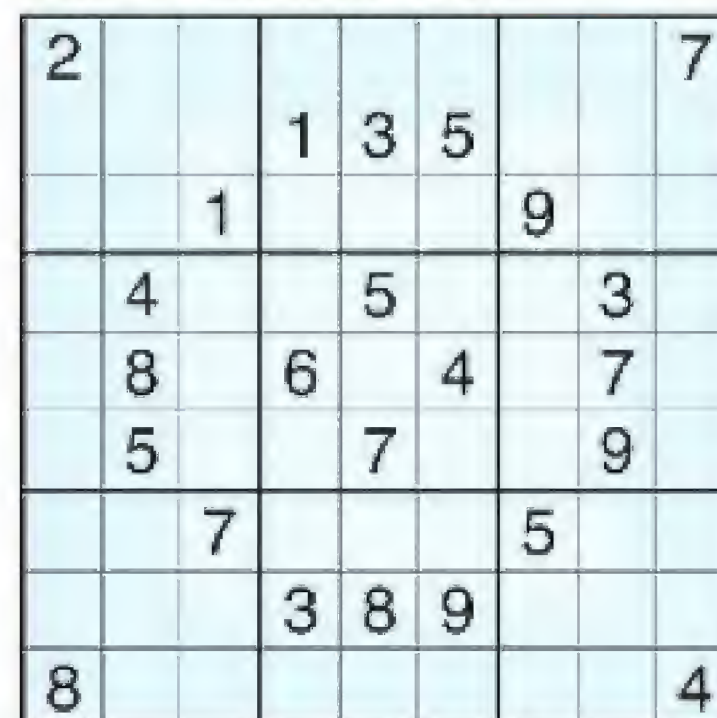
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't be hard on yourself if you don't accomplish too much at work today. Some days are productive; some days are not. This is one of them.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is the perfect day to kick back and relax. Enjoy sports events, the arts and playful times with kids. Sneak away on a fun outing, if you can.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Postpone important family discussions until tomorrow. Family members, especially parents and authority figures are indecisive and possibly confusing.

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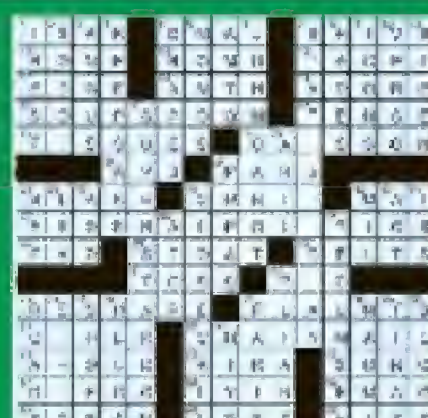
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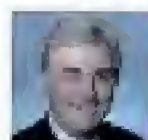
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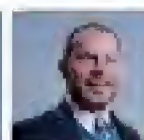
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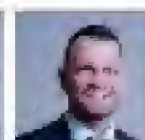
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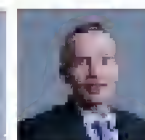
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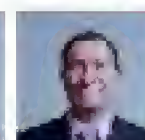
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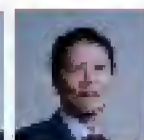
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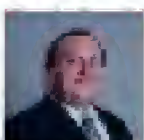
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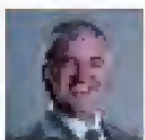
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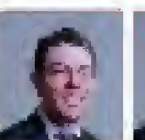
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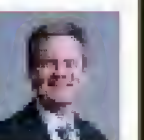
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